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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Order of Battle

Commander of the 53rd Auxiliary Technical Battalion:	Major Kosut	(fnu)
Deputy Commander:	Staff Captain Snasel	(fnu)
Deputy Commander for political matters:	1st Lieutenant Cerny	(fnu)
Military counterintelligence officer (DOZ):	Lieutenant Klvac	(fnu)

2. The Battalion consists of six companies:

- (a) No. 1, stationed at Brno-Reckovice and Brno-Kralovo Pole, "Na Kadetce".
- (b) No. 2, stationed at Brno-Pisarky.
- (c) No. 3, stationed at Brno-Tabor.
- (d) No. 4, stationed at Brno-Pisarky.
- (e) No. 5, stationed at Brno-Malomerice.
- (f) No. 6; no information available.

3. Duties:

Company work assignments were as follows:

- (a) All companies except No. 3 were assigned to the building of new military barracks at Brno-Reckovice, near streetcar terminus No. 1.
- (b) No. 3 Company was employed at the building site of houses for the accommodation of NGOs and their families.

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4. Conditions

In February 1953, when the PTP companies started to work at the building site in Brno-Reckovice, the working norms were raised considerably and the servicemen had to pay 185 Kcs. for their food per day. Owing to the increased working tasks, the average earnings fell and the servicemen just managed to pay their keep. Those who worked extremely hard and made some profits could not receive the surplus in cash, but had it credited to their accounts. They were paid out after their discharge.

5. Political Indoctrination

Political indoctrination classes were held three times a week, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. hours, usually on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. The participants were encouraged to discuss the subjects after the class was over.

6. Organization and Status

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The PTP term of service is indefinite. As opposed to the PTP, the TP units (Technical Battalion) are trained in handling firearms and carry arms. The regular Czechoslovak Army units were ordered to look upon the PTP members as "hostile and disruptive elements."

7. Building Site

In charge of the military building sites manned by the PTP members was the firm Moravestav with its main office at Prerov and branch plants in Brno and Olomouc. This firm worked in liaison with the Military Projects Institute (Vojenský projekční ústav) in Brno whose offices are in the same building as those of Moravostav, i.e., in the vicinity of the Janacek Theatre.

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